Affairs of Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya

651. SHRI A. VIJAYARAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the committee that recommended appointment of the present Vice Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya was constituted in violation of the Act of the University;

(b) whether the executive committee of the university that constituted the search committee in April 2003 is convened by the Vice Chancellor or officiating Vice Chancellor; and

(c) whether any inquiry would be initiated on the constitution of the search Committee and the appointment of the present Vice Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) to (c) The present Vice-Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya has been appointed by a duly constituted Committee in terms of Statute 2(1) and (2) of the Mahatma Gandhi Antarrashtriya Hindi Vishwavidyalaya Act, 1996 and the Statutes framed thereunder. There is no proposal to institute any inquiry regarding constitution of the Search Committee and the appointment of the present Vice-Chancellor.

Survey on Malnutrition

652. SHRI DATTAMEGHE: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Integrated Child Development Project (ICDP) conducted a survey in villages in Ramtek area of Vidarbha in Maharashtra and found more than 50 severely malnourished children in the tribal areas of Ramtek; if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether such survey has also been conducted or proposed to be conducted in other areas of the Vidarbha Region of Maharashtra;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether any special aid has been provided in this regard; and

(e) the measures taken or proposed to be taken to root out malnutrition?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) The Government of Maharashtra conducted a

survey, in January 2005, which found 52 Grade III and 4 Grade IV malnourished children, out of 8246 children covered in Ramtek ICDS Projects.

(b) and (c) The details of survey conducted by the Government of Maharashtra in five tribal districts *viz.* Thane, Amaravati, Gadchiroli, Nasik and Nandurbar are given in the Statement (See below).

(d) The State Government has reported that medical aid and high protien ferox has been provided to all malnourished children through voluntary organizations.

(e) The Government of India has been implementating various scheme/ programmes to address the problem of malnutrition which, *inter alia,* include, Continued implementation and expansion of Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme; Nutrition Component of Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY); Pilot project in 51 districts, to provide free foodgrains to undernourished adolescent girls and pregnant & lactating mothers; Reprodctive and Child Health (RCH) Programme; National Iodine Deficiency Disorder Control Programme; National Prophylaxis Programme Against Blindness due to Vitamin-A; National Nutritional Anaemia Control Programme; National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education; Targeted Public Distribution System.

Under the ICDS Scheme, the State are responsible for providing supplementary nutrition out of their resources. However, the Central Government has proposed to provide 50% cost of supplementary nutrition to States/UTs from 2005-06.

Statement

Ban on junk food in schools

653. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that junk food continues to be freely available in school canteens despite a ban imposed by the Education Directorates: and

(b) if so, what action is being proposed against the schools not implementing the ban?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) This Ministry does not collect information on a centralized basis on whether junk food is freely available in the school canteens and whether any State Government has imposed ban on their sale therein.